

# **LUCERO GONZALEZ**

## **Personal Rule of Life Statements**

*Your personal rule of life is a holistic description of the Spirit-empowered rhythms and relationships that create, redeem, sustain and transform the life of God invites you to humbly fulfill for Christ's glory.*

*In order to begin to frame your rule of life (the focus of the first five chapters), the authors covered five very important issues: roles, gifts, desires, vision and mission. Each of these areas needs to be clarified as best as possible so that the general overview of your life is clearly understood and articulated as you move forward in crafting a personal rule of life. Before moving on part two, summarize your thoughts here. How is the Lord leading you in all five of these overarching areas of your personal life? Record your thoughts below:*

### **My Roles:**

*"Your personal rule of life is discerned and framed within the context of your primary relationships and your spiritual community, and lived out in service to others" (p.21)*

I am Lucero G Gonzalez: I am a daughter, sister, girlfriend, niece, granddaughter, aunt, Godmother, friend, student, benefit specialist, social work intern and I am a child of God.

It is blessing being in these roles, I always pray and thank God for being in these roles and being surrounded by loving people. These roles shape me who I am as a person, and I am constantly growing in each and every one of them. At the end of the day I am who God says I am, and I will always keep trying to be the best version of myself and who I am meant to be.

### **My Gifts:**

*"Your personal rule of life is discerned and framed through the discovery of your spiritual gifts, natural talents and temperament" (p.32)*

Throughout my journey in life, God has showed me that he is good all the time! And that his timing is perfect. There are days where I sit and watch sunsets which is my still time with God, and I reflect on how everything fell and continues falling perfectly in Gods timing. Being a child of two Mexican immigrants and being their advocate, translator etc. all my life, I truly believe that I was destined to be a social worker since the day I was born. The gift that the Lord has given me is having a good heart. I know we are only human, and we all have flaws, nobody is perfect only God is. I do believe that God has instilled this good heart in me to help others. I always think of others more than I think about myself and there is time where I am ok with that. I am that kind of person that can brighten someone's day when I can't brighten my own. I love coming home knowing that I have made someone

smile or helped someone that day. There are times where people ask me why am I too nice? It's not me being nice, I just know that it is the right thing to do. Answering your question Dr. Yun, how can we emulate the love of Jesus? By utilizing the gifts that God has blessed us with. We don't have to put our religion on others to emulate the love of Jesus we can be like him through our actions, words and how we carry ourselves in our daily lives. Same thing applies for social work, as we transition to being one in a few months, God Willing. We have to approach our work following ethics and our Christianity. Always doing the right thing, as 1 Corinthians 16:14 says Do everything in love. That's what the Lord did not hesitate to do for us.

## **My Desires:**

*"Your personal rule of life is discerned and framed through the longings, yearnings and goals God has placed on your heart and mind that propel you forward with joy" (p.43)*

The desires in my heart are many. I desire to do so much with this borrowed life of mine. I desire to graduate on May 2021 and obtain my social work license. I desire to always be a good daughter to my parents. I desire to be a good wife and great mother one day. I desire to be an empathetic social worker that makes even the smallest difference in someone's life and always do everything in love, I desire to own my own home one day and just be genuinely happy. I always keep in mind that God has a plan for me, and it will always be greater than mine. The heart of man plans his way, but the LORD establishes his steps. Proverbs 16:9

For my intrinsic desires, due to my upbringing; I've always desired acceptance. I had a childhood in which was very emotionally draining and emotionally abused. I believe my whole life I've always been seeking acceptance from my parents. I always felt that their expectations are very high, and I am just never meeting them. This must not be the case for them, but I always pray for them and myself for healing. I desire to live in tranquility and be at peace with who I am and who I am going to be.

## **My Vision:**

*"Your personal rule of life is discerned and framed within the holistic, long-term vision and passion God had planted in your heart" (p.54)*

My vision for the world is salvation for many people and for world peace. My vision is to be in the social work field for many many years. I envision myself to be a LMSW as soon as I graduate. Down the years after God blesses me with what he has in store for me (family wise) I want to obtain my PHD at the age of 40.

My greatest vision is build my own advocacy project, it would be parenting class for immigrant parents. As a first-generation Mexican American, immigration is particularly close to home. No child should go through parentification and not enjoy their childhood because it can cause resentment and trauma in the future. It can also affect future relationships. Working for child welfare for 2 years the cases that I was assigned too were mostly immigrant families. I observed their struggles adapting to a new country and having to raise their children with different expectations. Having children in the United States it's always important to keep in mind that it is a blend of two cultures. I often find myself walking around Sunset Park Brooklyn on Saturdays to find a parenting class in Spanish for my clients. They sure are limited! I would like to fund a program that offers parenting classes for parents of all ages, nutrition classes, domestic violence classes, free activities for parents and children to bond, social services to obtain benefits and information and free English and computer classes. The purpose of this program is not to teach parents how to be parents, it's to support, empower and encourage them to be the best parents they can be.

## My Mission:

*"Your personal rule of life is discerned and framed within the specific purpose(s) God invites you to fulfill in this season of life" (p.66)*

When I started Graduate school, I knew that this was where the Lord had led me to finish my career as a social worker and contribute to his kingdom. We all have a job in God's kingdom, all of us brothers and sisters form a body and I know for sure that I am part of the hands by serving those in need. When I started graduate school, I knew there were a lot of sacrifices that came with it, but I know with his will I can do anything. I made promise to God that I will work very hard to graduate; graduate school and obtain my masters. And I kept praying "I CAN DO IT THROUGH YOU JESUS, BECAUSE YOU GIVE ME STRENGTH". I made a promise ring with the bible verse PHIL4:13 to always remind myself that I can do ANYTHING through Christ who gives me strength. I will always live by this, nothing in this life is impossible, and I am always going to be ok, because my King always leads the way. Where he guides he provides. Like Lysa T once quotes "I want to be remembered as a woman that illuminates the beautiful reality of who I am as a person and who Jesus is in me".

There is a quote that says "you grow through what you go through". I believe that my passion for Social work stems from my childhood. It stems from all my life experiences. My mission in this world is to be the person I needed when I was younger for somebody else. My mission is to deliver that healing message "you are not alone". My mission has a lot to do with my mission. Growing up Mexican American , I want to stop parentification for 1<sup>st</sup> generation children and I want to educate the Latino Community on how important mental health is.